Commission for inter-State boundary disputes

668. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Commission has been appointed to go into the inter-State boundary disputes among few States of the North-Eastern Region (Assam-Arunachal Pradesh-Nagaland-Meghalaya); and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the mandated assignment as well as terms of reference, time set for its final report and status of Government's intervention?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b) There are some border disputes between the States of Assam-Nagaland, Assam-Arunachal Pradesh and Assam-Meghalaya. The Government of Assam filed Original Suit No. 2/88 and 1/89 in Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for demarcation of boundaries between the States of Assam-Nagaland and Assam-Arunachal Pradesh respectively. In these Original Suits, the Supreme Court of India *vide* its judgment dated 25.9.2006 has appointed a Local Commission for identification of boundaries of States of Assam-Nagaland and Assam-Arunachal Pradesh. The Local Commission is headed by Mr. Justice S.N. Variava, former Supreme Court Judge and assisted by Mr. Kamal Naidu, retired Principal Chief Conservation of Forest, Andhra Pradesh and Mr. S.P. Goel, retired Additional Surveyor General of India as members. The terms and reference of the Commission *inter alia* includes that the Local Commission shall identify the boundaries between the States of Nagaland, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. However, all factual and legal objections are kept open for the parties to be urged and agitated after the receipt of the report from the Commission. The Supreme Court of India has granted extension to the Commission from time to time. Meetings of the Local Commission have been held at regular intervals. Last meeting of the Local Commission was held on 22.11.2009.

In so far as boundary dispute between Assam and Meghalaya is concerned, the Central Government has advised both the State Governments to settle the dispute amicably. Meetings have been held at the level of Chief Secretaries and at the level of Chief Ministers of both the States.

Special component under MPF for naxal affected districts

669. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for 'Modernization of State Police Force' has a special component for strengthening the police infrastructure in the 76 naxal affected districts at the rate of Rs. 2 crore per affected district per year;

(b) if so, the districts identified in Jharkhand for this purpose; and

(c) how the money earmarked has been made use of by these districts during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) revised in the year 2005-06, includes a special component for extending 100% financial assistance by Ministry of Home Affairs to 76 naxal affected districts @ Rs.2.00 crore per district. The 16 (sixteen) naxal affected districts namely Hazaribagh, Lohardagga, Palamu, Chatra, Garhwa, Ranchi, Gumla, Simdega, Latehar, Giridih, Koderma, Bokaro, Dhanbad, East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum and Saraikela-Kharaswan were identified in 2005-06 for financial assistance under the Scheme. However, the Ministry has presently identified 18 districts as naxal affected districts for support. The 18 naxal affected districts in Jharkhand are Bokaro, Chatra, Garhwa, Gumla, Hazaribagh, Latehar, Lohardaga, East Singhbhum, Palamau, West Singhbhum Ranchi, Simdega, Giridih, Koderma, Dhanbad, Saraikela-Kharaswan, Khunti and Ramgarh. During the financial year 2008-09 and 2009-10 an amount of Rs.20.00 crore and Rs.16.00 crore respectively @ Rs.2.00 crore per district has been allocated for 18 districts in Jharkhand for construction of police stations, police outposts and fortification of police stations/outposts. The State Government has been advised to utilize the funds for the intended purpose. However, the utilization certificate from the State Government for the funds released in 2008-09 will be due on 01.4.2010.

Naxalite violence in Jharkhand

670. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many incidents of naxalite violence took place in Jharkhand during the last three years;

(b) how many naxalites, civilians and police force personnel killed in these incidents;

(c) the steps taken by Government to curb naxalite incidents in the State;

(d) how many districts of the State have been identified as naxal affected districts; and

(e) what has been the role of the high level Task Force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN) : (a) and (b) There were 1885 incidents of naxal violence in Jharkhand since 2006 with casualties of 522 civilians and 143 policemen. 113 naxalites were killed in action during this period.